Chemical Dependency Counselor Certificate Program Online
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Union College and its home city, Barbourville, Ky., have a longstanding partnership that extends back to October 21, 1879, when Union College was founded. Stockholders, comprised of 35 local residents, established the college with a clear purpose: to create opportunities for their families and the wider community, while helping the region thrive and prosper. Today, the Union College online programs have expanded educational opportunities for citizens of the region and beyond.

The Chemical Dependency Certificate Program online is designed to train people—both graduate and undergraduate students—in the skills necessary for assisting chemically dependent persons to alleviate that dependency. The program includes courses designed to provide students with knowledge of the field through focusing on the development of counseling skills specific to the needs of chemically dependent clientele as identified by appropriate agencies.

The course curriculum is dynamic, challenging and professionally relevant. Whether you’re transitioning to another career or expanding your qualifications for your current career, Union’s online program offers flexibility, convenience and academic rigor to help you focus on success and meet your goals.

The online format is user-friendly and offers technical support all day, every day. While you are always welcome to visit campus and meet with your professors face-to-face, you will never be required to make the trip to College Street in Barbourville. But we certainly hope you do!
The Chemical Dependency Counselor Certificate Program consists of 21 credit hours for both undergraduate and graduate level students. Certification requires the minimum of a baccalaureate degree. Completion of the program does not guarantee certification by the Kentucky Board, but provides the requisite academic background to sit for the certification examination.

UNDERGRADUATE

Foundations of Chemical Dependency Treatment I
PSYH 405. 4 credit hours.
Introduction to the foundations of the alcohol and drug abuse rehabilitation field. Emphasis on the roles and responsibilities of the addictions counselor. Focus is on the first six of the twelve core functions: screening, intake, orientation, assessment, treatment planning, and basic counseling skills. Interactive work stressed.

Foundations of Chemical Dependency Treatment II
PSYH 406. 4 credit hours.
Introduction to the foundations of the alcohol and drug abuse rehabilitation field. Emphasis on the roles and responsibilities of the addictions counselor. Focus is on the last six of the twelve core functions: case management, crisis intervention, client education, referral, reports and recordkeeping, and consultation with other professionals in regard to client treatment & services. Interactive work stressed.

Ethical Issues in Chemical Dependency Treatment
PSYH 407. 1 credit hour.
Introduce students to the ethical issues involved in chemical dependency treatment. Special attention will be given to the epidemiology of HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, tuberculosis and sexually transmitted diseases that frequently infect people who use drugs or who are chemically dependent. Students will examine treatment options and prevention strategies. The ethical and legal issues that impact infected individuals as well as the larger community will be explored. Students are expected to demonstrate respect for the client and an appreciation of individual and cultural differences, including sexual orientation. They are also expected to explore their own attitudes and biases about HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases.

Psychology of Addiction
PSYH 410. 3 credit hours.
Major emphasis is on factors determining the development of addictions, including physiological, emotional, cognitive, and behavioral dimensions of the addictive process. Also emphasizes intervention and treatment strategies for the various types of chemical dependency and substance abuse. Prerequisite: PSYH 200 or permission from the instructor.
Recovery & Relapse
PSYH 413. 3 credit hours.
This course is designed to address the diverse issues that are related to the recovery from addiction as an ongoing process involving physical, psychological, social, intellectual, spiritual and cultural aspects of the individual. Major themes of the course include the passages of recovery, relapse prevention principles, relapse warning signs, and the twelve-step approach to recovery. Using a holistic perspective, students will gain insight into basic recovery principles as they are related to the process and prevention of relapse.

Biological Systems of Chemical Dependency
PSYH 424. 3 credit hours.
Exploration of the physiological effects of chemical use on human biological systems and human development. Emphasizes identification and management of chemically induced crises, situations, including issues in co-morbidity and prevention.

Diversity Issues in Psychology (or approved chemical dependency elective)
PSYH 336. 3 credit hours.
This course exposes students to the psychological literature relevant to cultural awareness and sensitivity to diverse populations. By developing an understanding of the complexity of the various issues of diversity - race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and age - the course creates the opportunity for students to discuss and expand their understanding of value systems and human behavior.

GRADUATE

Foundations of Chemical Dependency Treatment I
PSYH 505. 4 credit hours.
Introduction to the foundations of the alcohol and drug abuse rehabilitation field. Emphasis on the roles and responsibilities of the addictions counselor. Focus is on the first six of the twelve core functions: screening, intake, orientation, assessment, treatment planning, and basic counseling skills. Interactive work stressed.

Foundations of Chemical Dependency Treatment II
PSYH 506. 4 credit hours.
Introduction to the foundations of the alcohol and drug abuse rehabilitation field. Emphasis on the roles and responsibilities of the addictions counselor. Focus is on the last six of the twelve core functions: case management, crisis intervention, client education, referral, reports and recordkeeping, and consultation with other professionals in regard to client treatment & services. Interactive work stressed.

Ethical Issues in Chemical Dependency Treatment
PSYH 507. 1 credit hour.
Introduce students to the ethical issues involved in chemical dependency treatment. Special attention will be given to the epidemiology of HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, tuberculosis and sexually transmitted diseases that frequently infect people who use drugs or who are chemically dependent. Students will examine treatment options and prevention strategies. The ethical and legal issues that impact infected individuals as well as the larger community will be explored. Students are expected to demonstrate respect for the client and an appreciation of individual and cultural differences, including sexual orientation. They are also expected to explore their own attitudes and biases about HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases.
Psychology of Addiction

*PSYH 510. 3 credit hours.*
Major emphasis on factors determining the development of addictions, including physiological, emotional, cognitive, and behavioral dimensions of the addictive process. Also emphasizes intervention and treatment strategies for the various types of chemical dependency and substance abuse. Cross-listed as COUN 510.

Recovery & Relapse

*PSYH 513. 3 credit hours.*
This course is designed to address the diverse issues that are related to the recovery from addiction as an ongoing process involving physical, psychological, social, intellectual, spiritual and cultural aspects of the individual. Major themes of the course include the passages of recovery, relapse prevention principles, relapse warning signs, and the twelve-step approach to recovery. Using a holistic perspective, students will gain insight into basic recovery principles as they are related to the process and prevention of relapse.

Biological Systems of Chemical Dependency

*PSYH 524. 3 credit hours.*
Exploration of the physiological effects of chemical use on human biological systems and human development. Emphasizes identification and management of chemically induced crisis situations, including issues in co-morbidity and prevention.

Multicultural & Diversity Issues *(or approved chemical dependency elective)*

*COUN 655. 3 credit hours.*
This course provides the opportunity for counselors and clinicians to strengthen their multicultural awareness, knowledge, and skills in the competencies necessary to effectively evaluate and treat culturally and ethnically diverse clients. Students will be able to develop an awareness of the prevalent beliefs and attitudes of different cultures, and to develop skills useful for appropriate interactions with diverse individuals. In the course of these studies, it is hoped that students will also become more aware of their own cultural values and biases as they study prevalent beliefs and attitudes of different cultures and diverse groups.
REQUIREMENTS

ADMISSIONS

• Entrance Application
• Statement of Goals & Objectives
• Two Letters of Recommendation

COMPLETION PROGRAM CERTIFICATE

• Application for program certificate
• 21 Hours (a minimum of 14 hours earned through Union College)

KENTUCKY STATE BOARD CERTIFICATION

The applicant must be at least 18 years of age, and must be able to document the following:

• Baccalaureate or Master’s degree
• Board-approved experience working with alcohol or drug dependent persons (300 hours of which have been under the direct supervision of a certified alcohol and drug counselor who has at least 2 years of post-certification experience)
  - 6000 hours at the Baccalaureate level
  - 2000 hours at the Masters level
• 270 classroom hours of board-approved curriculum (satisfied by Union College 21 credit hour program)
• Six hours of ethics training and 2 hours of training in the transmission, control, treatment and prevention of HIV (satisfied by Ethics course offered as part of the UnionCollege 21 credit hour program)
• Passing score on written exam approved by the International Certification Reciprocity Consortium on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
• Signed agreement to abide by the standards of practice and code of ethics

All current state certification information may be found at http://adc.ky.gov
How do I apply?
Your enrollment counselor will guide you through the entire process:
gradpsych@unionky.edu or 606.546.1277

If you’re ready to apply, the document can be accessed at www.unionky.edu/gradpsych

How much does it cost?
Number of credit hours: 21
Tuition: $400 per credit hour
Additional fees may apply

Is financial aid available?
Yes, and you have options. Financial aid and tuition assistance may be available for those who qualify.
For more information, contact your enrollment counselor: gradpsych@unionky.edu or 606.546.1277

What are the computer requirements?
For this online program to run efficiently, any modern computing device (PC, tablet, phone, etc.) capable of sufficiently running a web browser and office productivity suite is acceptable.

What if I have technical problems?
Our 24-hour help desk is available, along with other trouble-shooting procedures you’ll be able to access any time, anywhere.

What browsers work best with your system?
Any standards-supporting browser released in recent years is supported; however, Union College recommends (in order):
- Firefox 3 or later
- Google Chrome 4 or later
- MS Internet Explorer 7 or later (9 preferred)
- Safari 3 or later
- Opera 9 or later.
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